

§1723. Bingo Licensing Exemptions

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, LR 12:157 (March 1986), amended LR 13:101 (February 1987).

A. Organizations conducting charitable gaming activity on property which the federal government claims exclusive jurisdiction on, groups which participate in closed bingo sessions for amusement purposes only within their respective social clubs, elderly groups or retirement communities, etc. where the organization or persons conducting the games do not profit or take a percentage from them, or organizations exempted by the following rules in Subsection B are not required to be licensed by the division.

B. Organizations are also exempt from bingo licensing requirements when:

1. the organization otherwise meets all statutory requirements and applicable rules and regulations of the division;

2. bingo activity is limited to no more than five bingo sessions per calendar year;

3. The organization uses donated prizes, which total value is less than \$2,000 and gross receipts from all gaming activities together does not exceed \$5,000 in any calendar year;

4. the local governing body has passed an ordinance permitting charitable gaming activity;

5. only bona fide active members or their spouses of said organization conduct, or assist in the conducting of the games, (spouses may assist, but cannot act in a managerial capacity as defined in §1725.D);

6. the organization gives written notice, at least 15 days prior to any such activity, to the division stating the organization's intention to conduct the games, the location of the activities and the date and time they will be conducted;

7. the organization maintains records of the gaming activity on forms approved by the division. These records shall be available upon request for inspection by the division;

8. bingo activity is conducted on totally donated premises, or the organization's own premises;

9. all revenue therefrom, after deducting the cost of prizes and other reasonable and necessary expenses of the gaming activity, is devoted solely to religious, charitable, patriotic, public spirited, or educational purposes;

10. exempt organizations purchase gaming supplies only from licensed distributors.

C. Organizations may exceed the limits of bingo sessions set forth in Subsections A or B only if they first obtain a license from the division as required by R.S. 33:4861.1 et seq., and R.S. 40:1485.1 et seq.

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